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PARAPHRASE ON THE SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON

(By REV. G. F. RASSWEILER.)

St. John 1:1-18. Golden Text: "And the word became flesh and dwelt among us."

1. What is this ideal which the philosophers call the logos or the word, that which is behind the real? Behind every tangible thing they say is the idea of that thing. Before the material universe came into being there was the idea, the plan of that universe. Back of everything there must be a final cause. This idea they call the logos or the word. But this word is not a mere abstraction. It is a spiritual reality. There could be no idea without a personal mind with which to conceive it. There could be no plan without a mind to conceive the plan. There could be no execution of a plan without some will to see it in operation. So this final cause, this logos, this word is none other than God. It is not an abstraction, it is a spiritual personality. And this spiritual person has called the universe into being by the word of His power, so that the relation of the word to God is like the relation of a word to a thinker, just the expression of His idea. The philosophers think that between God and the universe there must be some medium or mediator through which He operates upon the world. We have found this mediator through whom God so expresses Himself that we will call Him the word, even Jesus the Christ whom we declare unto you.

2. He is not a created being but was in the very beginning with God.

3. It is He that has given the ideal plan of God expression in fact, so that all things which were made by Him. The world did not make it self. Physical and chemical forces are not self-creative. Matter is only the product of God's activity. All that we have we owe to Him.

4. This Christ is the source of all life and activity, whether in the activity of chemical forces, or the organic life of the vegetable and animal world, or in the mental and spiritual operations of men's minds. And this life is an illuminator of man's mind. He is constantly leading man to comprehend new truth, to trace His message in the world, to perceive His moral law for life, to perceive God's holiness, and love and power, to realize His claim upon us for love and service and goodness.

5. But in spite of it all, men's minds were darkened, and they failed to realize their obligations to God, failed to perceive the moral law, failed to realize God's beauty and activity.

6. But God did not rest in His efforts to reveal Himself. So He sent yet another messenger, the man whose name was John the Baptist.

7. He was not himself that source of all spiritual and mental illumination, but was merely a medium through which it could shine, that all men through him might believe.

8. He declared the truth concerning God so that men might perceive Christ.

9. But back of Him was that God which in spite of darkened minds leads all men to at least some conception of truth.

10. Yet they did not truly recognize Him. Though He was in the world and though it was made by Him, still His creatures did not know Him.

11. Yet in His love and longing He still sought us out, still wooed our love, still stirred the slumbering divine impulses, still tried to draw us to Himself, still spoke to our consciences. He came unto those who would be the most likely to recognize Him. But to His unspeakable grief and disappointment, they even would not receive Him.

12. But there were some who received Him and to them gave He the power to become the sons of God, and this power came through their faith in Him.

13. And these became God's sons not by way of natural birth, but by a new spiritual birth. In their natural birth they did not receive that work of divine grace which is necessary to make us truly sons of God, but which can only operate in us when we believe.

14. This new birth became possible for use because of the incarnation of this divine word into human flesh. In the Babe of Bethlehem even Jesus Christ our Saviour. For God was not satisfied to express His thoughts in the material universe. He must express Himself to us personally. He could not rest satisfied with having

so largely failed to reveal Himself to man's darkened mind. So He became flesh and dwelt among us so that we might behold His glory. And because of this manifestation, and because of this union of the divine with the human, it is possible for man to also share in the divine life.

15. For in some way this fullness of life divine which Christ brought into human life, we all may share and His grace may become our grace.

17. For it is through Christ that there comes to us from God that wealth of grace and truth that saves us.

18. And it was by means of His incarnation in the flesh that this became possible, for coming from the very heart of the Father He brought to us the very essence of God, and though before no man had seen God this Christ coming from the very bosom of God revealed to us the very heart of our Lord.

MISSING MAN FOUND IN THE COUNTY JAIL

Salt Lake, Dec. 20.—J. A. Williams, who recently purchased an interest in the Phillips Cash Grocery store at 754 West Second South street and then disappeared, was located yesterday in the county jail, where he was serving a four months' sentence. It developed that Williams had pleaded guilty to a charge of having presented two worthless checks on the National Bank of the Republic, where he had no deposit. Wednesday Judge Tanner sentenced him to four months in the county jail.

City detectives noted that the man's name was the same as that of the man whom Phillips had reported as disappearing. Yesterday Phillips went to the county jail and found that it was his partner who was in jail. Williams, when on trial, had not mentioned his business partner or the fact that he had money on deposit at the Utah State National bank and Walker Brothers bank. He simply pleaded guilty and went to jail.

It is believed that he was temporarily deranged, or had forgotten the names of the banks where he had funds. He came here recently from Springfield, Mo. As a result of the discovery Mr. Phillips arranged with the county attorney for the payment of the two checks passed by Williams and the latter was released into the custody of Phillips.

PLACERS OF THE COLORADO RIVER

Thomas C. Parker has returned from a trip of two weeks in the region along the Colorado river in southern Utah, the object being an investigation of the placers along that wonderful stream in one of the most remote regions of the state or of the United States for that matter.

Placer gold has long been known to exist along the Colorado from above the town of Hite in this state, down into the Grand canyon in Arizona, but because of the remoteness of the region the placers have been worked but intermittently and in a small way.

Mr. Parker says there is now a revival of interest in these deposits and that several outfits have arranged for work there within the next few months.

One of the plants that will be placed in operation on the river is owned by the Mitchell concern, who believe that they have solved the problem of handling the lower gold on a commercial basis. They have a device which has made a number of tests and all have been successful, though it was only after a great deal of preliminary work had been done along the lines of other mills that had been unsuccessful that the present process was hit upon.

The dredges are to be installed by some eastern people, it is learned, who have profited by the experiences of other concerns who operated along the river farther to the west and south, where the dirt is said to be of a lower grade than that in the river bed in the vicinity of Dandy crossing in this state. It is the plan to start on a small scale, with a single dredge, and other machines will be installed later on after some idea of the work to be done can be gained from actual experience. It is known that there is a considerable amount of gold in the river bed, and it is estimated that the gravel beds carry millions of dollars in the yellow metal.

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SEES PROHIBITION IN THE YEAR 1920

Editor Standard: December 7 was a great day for the National Woman's Christian Temperance Union in Washington, D.C. The meetings were arranged in accordance with the campaign plan for National Constitutional prohibition adopted at the National W. C. T. U. convention.

At 3 o'clock in the afternoon the Columbia Theatre and the First Congregational Church were both filled to overflowing. There were quite a number of men as well as women in the audience. On the platform were W. C. T. U. representatives from every section of the United States. Preceded by the United States Marine Band several hundred men representing Sunday schools, Christian Endeavor societies and kindred interests, led by the superintendent of the largest Sunday school of the city, marched to the meetings, the band playing "Onward Christian Soldiers."

Mrs. Lillian M. N. Stevens, National president, presided at the meeting at the theatre and Mrs. Frances P. Parks, national corresponding secretary, at the meeting at the Congregational church. At the theatre the invocation was given by Dr. Henry Conden, chaplain of the House of Representatives. The singing of patriotic and temperance songs was inspiring. A large company of Loyal Temperance Legion children filled five minutes with a lively salute. At this time Miss Anna Gordon introduced Master Leo Lyons, the famous boy soloist of Portland, Maine, and with wonderful effect he sang the new national prohibition campaign song written by Miss Gordon, the refrain of which is,

In Nineteen Twenty comes the day,
Comes the children's happy day;
In Nineteen Hundred Twenty
There'll be prohibition plenty
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Zway.

He was most enthusiastically encouraged and happily responded. Many official white ribbons were present, and among those who made brief addresses were a dozen or more state and national officers.

Mrs. Mary Harris Armour, president of the Georgia W. C. T. U., made the principal speech in the theatre. Her presentation of the great subject "National Constitutional Prohibition by 1920 and Why" was a masterly effort and must have convinced everyone open to conviction that the liquor traffic is the most terrible foe in all the world, and that it must go, that it is going and that it will be gone by 1920.

Mrs. Stevens in her introductory remarks, spoke of the proclamation for National Constitutional Prohibition, which she made two years ago in the name of the World's and National W. C. T. U. The proclamation was effectively read by Miss Gladys Emig and Congressman Hobson's joint resolution for National Constitutional Prohibition was read by Mr. E. Stanton Henry, and amid great enthusiasm and unanimity the resolution was endorsed by the great audience, coupled with a promise to do everything possible to hasten the coming of the day when National Constitutional Prohibition will be the law of the land.

Every allusion to Congressman Hobson was heartily cheered. He is without doubt the prohibition hero of the day—clearcut, strong, fearless, capable, one who always stands "four square" for the great cause of total abstinence and prohibition in its highest development.

At the meeting at the Congregational church, Mrs. Frances P. Parks presided. Mrs. Mary Harris, Mrs. Lulu Shepard, president of Utah W. C. T. U., and Mrs. Florence D. Richards of Ohio, spoke and Congressman Hobson's resolution was unanimously endorsed.

In the evening another large meeting was held at the Calvary Baptist church, a great meeting at which Mrs. Frances Beauchamp of Kentucky and several other noted orators spoke.

The Washington papers on Saturday announced that eighty per cent of the sermons at the Sunday morning services would be in support of the demand for a prohibition amendment to the Federal constitution.

On Wednesday, December 10, at ten o'clock a parade of white ribbons, a thousand strong, led by Mrs. Lillian M. N. Stevens and the Anti-Saloon League, led by Dr. Purley A. Baker, marched to the Capitol where two minute speeches were made by two speakers from each organization and one from the Federated Churches.

On Thursday, December 11, in the afternoon occurred the presentation by Senator Shepard in the Senate, and Congressman Hobson in the

house of the resolution for the prohibition amendment, which was followed by a discussion which created rounds of applause from the galleries and was the cause of much excitement throughout the nation on account of Representative Hobson's frankness of speech. (Signed),
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MAKING DEVELOPMENT LEAGUE PROGRAM

Salt Lake, Dec. 20.—An outline of the business of the Utah Development league in Logan, January 30 and 31, was decided upon at a meeting of the board of directors of the league yesterday afternoon at the Commercial club. Dr. E. G. Peterson and James M. Kirkham of Logan were present and were charged with the final arrangements of the program.

One of the subjects proposed for discussion at the meeting in Logan is that of securing through the co-operation of the various commercial clubs of the state, whether members of the league or not, exhaustive statistics concerning the industries, resources, and population of the state. These statistics will form the material for the boosting campaign which the league is inaugurating.

Another proposition is that of offering a prize for the cleanest city in the state. Competition for this prize will be stimulated by the various commercial clubs. Further particulars of the program are to be announced later.



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